Subject: RE: Hot Import Nights
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Lorena,

I am still waiting for answers to the questions below.

The first question you have been avoiding for months.....

What ***exactly*** are you going to do to mitigate the noise issue caused by this event in the past and bring it into compliance with the city noise ordnance?

Bruce Ecker

Lorena

Regarding the impending Hot Import Nights event:

1.
The Memorandum of Understanding developed for this event - a document that has your signature at the bottom - specifically states:

HIN agrees to abide by local noise ordinance. HIN will work with SPPOA to neutralize any noise complaints from District residents during the event.

Your last email has now states:

> On 9/13/16 2:28 PM, Lorena Parker wrote:

> LAPD is the enforcement agency. They will be on-site so you will not need any cell phone number. Your request has been sent to them. Furthermore, Section 115.02 does not apply to permittees.

This clearly contradicts the original promise made that SPPOA will be overseeing and "neutralizing" any noise complaints due to this event. You are also claiming that the existing City of Los Angeles noise ordinances do not apply to this event... effectively stating that there is nothing to enforce and that there will be no enforcement.

The PBID board reversed their original - and unanimous vote - to ***not*** support this event when there was a motion was passed that included language that specifically stated that the the negative aspects of this event would be mitigated by the MOU.

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"***After hearing the presentation and comments, Jonathan Williams motioned and Warren Gunter seconded to support the Hot Import Night (HIN) event with the new standards provided that there was a MOU between HIN and the SPPOA addressing the concerns presented.***"

Your abdication of responsibility in regards to this event is unacceptable. I still want like the name and contact information of the SPPOA employee that will be on site on the day of the event that will have the designated authority to mitigate noise complaints. I would like this information by this Wednesday morning so that it can be distributed to residents and businesses in the community so that the complaint vector is not a closely held secret. I would also like you to confirm that you will request strict enforcement by the LAPD of the applicable noise ordinances (specifically all aspects of 115.02) and that you have communicated - in writing - the constraints of 115.02 to the promoter of this event.

2.
The original MOU indicated that there will be two sound stages at this event:

"***HIN will feature music from two stages. The primary stage will be at the intersection of 6th and Centre Streets. The second site will be on 7 th St. between Mesa and Centre Streets.***"

The event map that you finally released to the public on September 7, only shows one sound stage. Is there going to be a second sound stage? Where is it going to located? Are you going to publicly release the final site map any time prior to the end of the event? Obviously the event layout has changed substantially from the description in the MOU to its current state. Could you please explain what precipitated this change?

3.
This event is supposedly being supported by the BID because it will benefit the business in the downtown area. Is there going to be any form of monetary compensation for business that can show that the event negatively impacted their sales? If you think that closing 6th Street between Mesa and Nelson - effectively cutting off access to the parking lot for Neil's restaurant and eliminating street parking near the restaurant is going to increase his business, you are out of touch with reality. Your promise to Neil (apparently made to him to get him to sign off on the event survey) to put the 'high end' cars from this event near his business to help drive the 'high end' event clientele to his restaurant is indicative of how out of touch and uninformed you are regarding the cars that are shown in this event, the type of people that attend this event, and the usual clientele that frequents Neil's restaurant.

4.
Last year there were businesses in my building that had their front entrances blocked by car owners that set up camp on the sidewalk with chair, coolers and loud and annoying sound systems. I witnessed the same thing in front of business on 7th street. What is SOPPA going to be doing this year to police and prevent this violation of SEC. 5733.11?

Bruce Ecker

SEC. 5733.11. OBSTRUCTION OF EXISTS AND AISLES.

A. No person shall block, impede, or obstruct any exit to a public way or any access to a building, structure or premises, in such a manner as to prevent or interfere with the use of such exists or access by any person who is exiting or entering said occupied building, structure, or premises.

G. Any person who violates this section shall be punishable by at least a mandatory minimum fine of $100.00 up to and not exceeding $1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day, or portion thereof, during which a violation of any provision of this section is committed, continued, or permitted by such person and shall be punishable accordingly.

http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents/common/lapd_related_codes.htm

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7.4 Presentation of reconfigured HIN event

President Eisenberg called for comments from the public. Dustin Cory commented that he thinks it's a great event. Donald Galatz stated that there were many "car buffs" in San Pedro and wanted the event to return. Michael Galantz commented that the event had a great economic impact. Linda Alexander stated that you could not live in San Pedro without liking cars. She added that she did not care for the language, offensive lyrics, and inappropriate dress.

Following the public comments, Michael Munar, President/Co-Founder of Hot Import Nights, began his slideshow presentation. He requested that the board reconsider the previous month's motion and support the event. He added that San Pedro was all about cars. He stated that in the past no one had suggested any standard. He confirmed that the SPPOA wanted to implement a standard and that he did not previously understand the community standard. He proposed that this year's Hot Import Nights theme be "Modern Cars Meet Retro" that would include a 1930's, 1940's era, rockabilly (1950's), retro and a 1940's pinup. He added that they would close the event one hour earlier than last year (4:00pm to 10:00pm).
Greg Morena suggested that he create a brand specifically for our area. He added that the event should have been regulated from the onset.

Jonathan Williams requested that language be added to the MOU to review the sponsors and not allow "questionable" ones.

Mr. Munar continued and stated that they expect 7,500 people to attend the event.

Greg Morena suggested that we add additional trash cans.

James Allen suggested we take into consideration the residents.

Dan Salas appreciated them coming out to try and make things right.

Bruce Ecker requested that the stay within the noise limits

Warren Gunter expressed his support for the event.

After hearing the presentation and comments, Jonathan Williams motioned and Warren Gunter seconded to support the Hot Import Night (HIN) event with the new standards provided that there was a MOU between HIN and the SPPOA addressing the concerns presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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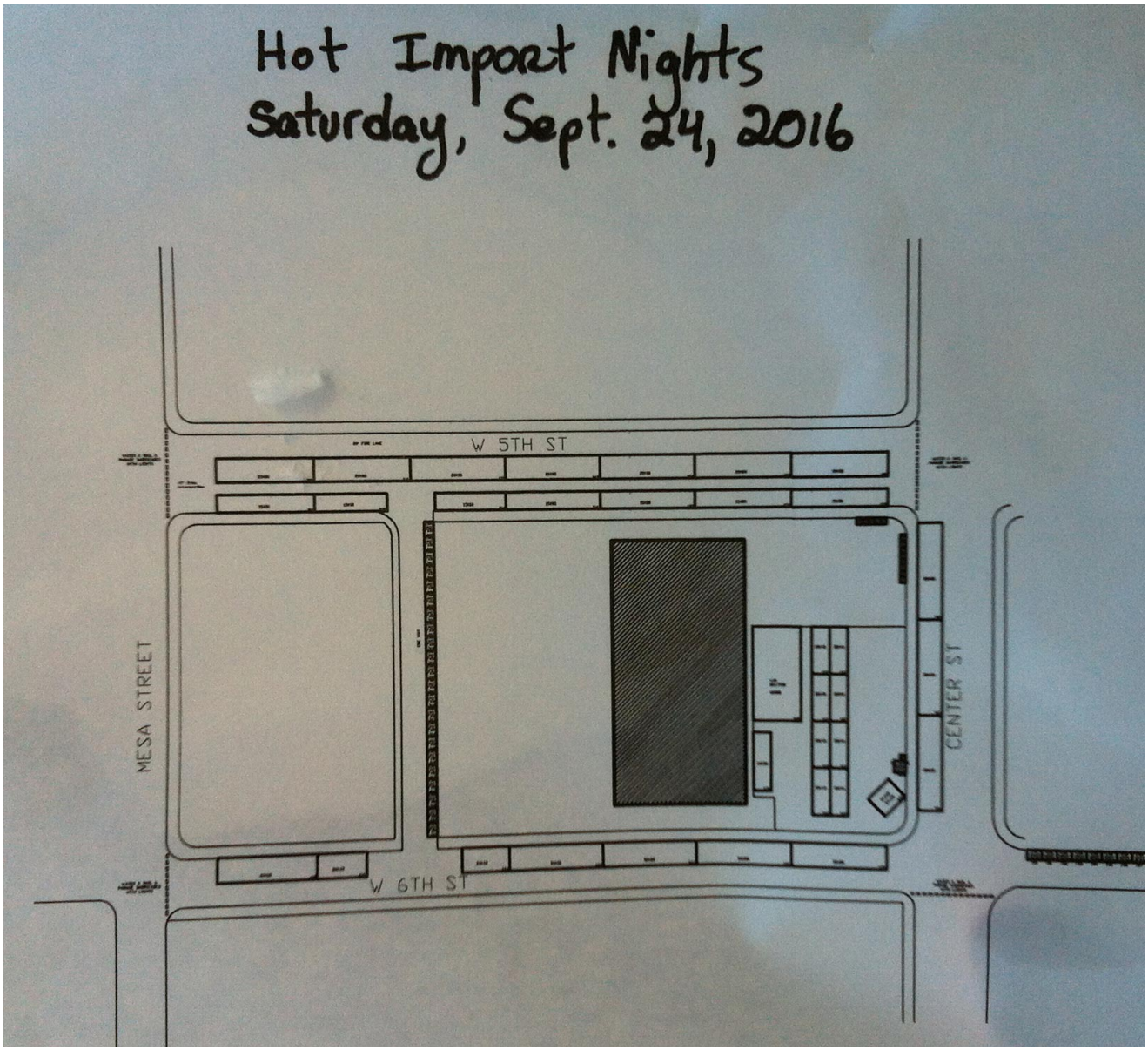

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